A

True Copie of the Sentence of the high Coun-

cell of tenne Iudges in the State

of VENICE.

Against Ridolfo Poma, Michael Vitt Priest, *Alessandro Parrasio, John of Florence the sonne of* Paul *and* Pasquall *of Bisanto; who of late most trayterously attempted a bloudy and horrible Murder vpon the person of the reuerend Father* Dr. Paolo Seruite, *Theologue of the common wealth of* VENICE.

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THE Sentence of the high Councell of ten against Ridolfo Poma, Michael Viti Priest, *Alessandro Parrasio*, *John* of *Florence the son of* Paul, *and* Pasquall *of Bitonto*; Printed in VENICE,

1607. *The* 10. *of October, in the Councell of tenne.*

FOrasmuch as *Ridolfo Poma*, *Michael Viti* Priest, accustomed to serue in the Church of the H. Trinitie, *Alexander Parrasio* of Ancona, *John* of Florence the sonne of *Paul*, a man of common stature with grayish eyes, and a red beard, inrolled heeretofore in the Company of Gouernor *Bartolamio Nieua* of Vicenza, appointed ouer the ships for Syria & Alexandria, and being run away from the sayd

Company, *Pasquall* of Bitonto of the age of thirty-two or thereabout, of ordinarie stature, a fat man, with a black beard, black haire, and wont heertofore to serue in the company of Captaine *John Iroglioni* of Ancona in Padoa.

Hauing been proclaimed according to the deliberation of this Councell, and not appearing, but resting wilfully absent, the which that is to say *Ridolfo*, Priest *Michael*, and *Alexander*, hauing beene made the Ministers of a most enormous conspiracy, after they had wouen and managed a long and trayterous treaty, and vsed diuers awaytes, and espialls, for the consummate effectuating of a Murther aboue all others most odious and impious, against a religious Person, adressed the aforesayd *John* and *Pasquall*, hauing been by them for many dayes entertayned for this appointed purpose. The vvhich, fauoured and supported by the other three, & armed with poignards and short harquebushes (armes detested and expresly forbidden by our lawes) prepensedly and treacherously on Fryday the fift of the present Moneth, about an houre before the setting of the Sunne, did assault the Father Doctour PAVLO Seruite,

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Theologue of our Signorie, a person of excellent carriage and exemplar life. Who with Friar *Marin* his Conuert attendant, descended downe from the bridge of Saint *Fosca*, to goe to his Monasterie neere thereunto, giuing him (with the intent to kil him) three most forcible stabbes with a Poignard about the head; by the which hee became hurt with three verie grieuous wounds in the face and in the necke, one of them catching the Conuert by the armes and holding him straite, to the intent he might not employ himself in his aide, discharging also their harquebushes against the people, which was raysed vppe and stirred by the strangenesse and horriblenes of the case, they leauing the poignard in one of the wounds, & so betaking themselues to flight, and by the helpe of *Gondolues* accompanied with the other, went to a long Boat furnished with ten Oares, and prepared on the shoare for this purpose: wherwith in all hast being transported into a forraine iurisdiction, they are escaped; hauing committed a most execrable sacriledge against the quiet and securitie of a well ordered Citie, and in which all men euen Aliens haue had alwayes secure refuge and habitation; Wherefore, Be the foresayde *Ri-*

dolfo, Prieſt *Michael*, and *Alexander* baniſhed from this Citie of *Venice*, the confines thereof, and from all other Cities, Villages, and places of our Dominion, all ſhippings armed and vnarmed for euer.

And breaking the confine, and being taken whichſoeuer of them hee bee, Let him bee conducted into this Citie, and ſet in a broad boate vpon an high ſcaffolde, with a Cryer who ſhall continually publiſh his fault, as well by land as by water, and brought to the bridge of Saint *Foſca*; where, by the Miniſter of Iuſtice, Be his abler hand cut off, ſo as it bee ſeuered from his arme: with which tyed to his necke, let him be drawen at a horſe tayle by land to the middeſt of the two pillars of Saint *Marke*: where vpon an highe ſcaffolde, Be his head cutte off, ſo as it bee ſeuered from his body and he die, and his body diuided into foure quarters to be faſtened vpō the Gibbets in the places accuſtomed.

Whoſoeuer ſhall apprehend and bring into the handes of Iuſtice, or elſe ſhall kill in anie place of our Dominion, the aforeſayde *Ridolfo Poma*, with lawefull proofe made of ſo killing him; ſhall obtaine

taine foure thousande Duckates of his goods, if they ammount to so much (the which all that appertaine to him in any sort, or may at any time appertaine to him and become his, Be they and so are they intended to bee confiscated and obleged to the payment of the sayd tally) if not, of the moneyes of the Cofer of this Councell deputed to the Tallyes. The which foure thousand Duckats, Let them immediatly be payd and disbursed, as well to their takers or killers, as to their lawfull procurators and assignees, or else which shall haue authoritie from them, and also to their heires if it shall occurre.

And if the taking or killing of him do insue in any Citie or other place of our Dominion, let the Tally aforesaid be paid him, out of the neerest Exchequer of any sorts of money, in manner as aforesayd.

And further ouer and aboue the foresayde Tally, hee shall purchase power to deliuer one person banished by this Councell or by the authoritie of the same, yea albeit that he had in his sentence the condition of time or strictnesse of Balles.

But whosoeuer againe shall apprehend, or

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ſhall kill him in whatſoeuer place out of our State, ſhall haue in all ſuch manner as is before declared 4000. Duckats of Tagly, and the deliuerance of two Banditi by this Councel, or by the authoritie of the ſame; notwithſtanding whatſoeuer condition of time, ſtrictneſſe of *Balles*, or any other circumſtance of time by any law limited.

Whoſoeuer ſhall apprehend or kill, in any place of our State, Prieſt *Michael* and *Alexander* aboue written, making ſufficient proofe of hauing killed them, ſhall haue for either of them two thouſand Duckats in maner as is before declared, and ouer that the deliuerance of one Banditi of this Councell, or by the authoritie of the ſame, with whatſoeuer condition of time.

And apprehending him or killing him out of our Dominion, aboue the Talley of the 2000. Duckats aforeſaid, ſhall haue the deliuerance of two Banditi of this Councell, or by the authoritie of the ſame, yea albeit they had conditions of time.

All the benefits aforeſayd Be they granted by this Councell, and that notwithſtanding any generall Decree whatſoeuer touching baniſhed perſons, or any eſpeciall to the

contrarie,

ontrary, and aſwell made, as to be made
ereafter, or which ſhould bee exſpired:
ll which their authoritie for the preſent turn
nely, ſhall bee intended to be derogated.

None of theſe three may euer by any
acultie that any one ſhall already haue, or
nay haue at any time, whether by force of the
generall Decree touching baniſhed perſons,
or by waye of recordes or accuſations al-
though concerning matter of State, and loſſe
by the taking or killing of any other Bandito
equall or ſuperiour to himſelfe, be deliuered
from the preſent baniſhment, or receiue any
fauour of ſuſpenſion, alteration, recompence,
remiſsiõ, enlargemẽt of the ſtrictnes of Balles,
or any other imaginable diminution of the
preſent Sentence; neither by way of reexami-
nation of the cauſe or ſafe conduct, at the in-
ſtance or in gratification of Princes, or for
whatſoeuer other publike cauſe or elſe parti-
cular; valeſſe by a Decree propounded by
conſent of all the Counſellors and heads, and
paſſed with nine of the Balles of the ſame, and
after with all the voices of the Councell redu-
ced to the perfect number of 16. & not other-
wiſe; & that before in euery caſe the formall
proceſſe be read to the ſaid Coũcel; the which

processe shall not bee taken out of the great Cheſt, where it shall bee put, vnleſſe it bee by decree passed with fiue of the sixe partes of the Balles of the Councell, and this present Sentence being first read, together with the fault and imputation of the persons aforesaid.

But if Priest *Michael Viti*, or *Alexandro Parrasio*, or either of them shall kill in what place soeuer *Ridolfo Poma*, with lawfull proofe of the said killing, they shall thereby obtaine totall deliuerance of themselues respectiuely. It being alwayes notwithstanding intended, that the foresaid *Ridolfo* is excluded on the contrarie part, from this benefit: Who shall not in any wise, no not with the taking or killing of his two Companions or any other of those which bee banished in this present case, bee deliuered from his banishment or receiue any the least alliehtening thereof.

If any subiect of ours, bee hee of what state or condition soeuer, none excepted, albeit hee were of kinne to any of the foresaide three in what soeuer degree of affinity or consanguinitie, shall subminister to him any succour in this State or abroad; shall write to him, send him aduise, or hold any intelligence

gence with him; the sayde partie shall fall into the penaltie of confiscation of all his goods of what sort soeuer, and to remaine in close prison for ten yeares continually, and if hee absent himselfe to bee banished from all Townes and places for the same time: and the discouerer of the saide transgressors, besides that hee shall bee kept most secret, shall obtaine 500. Duckats of the moneyes of the Cofer of this Councell.

John of *Florence*, and *Pasquall* of *Bitonto* aforesaide, bee and are intended banished from this Citie of *Venice*, the confines, and all other Cities Lands and places of our State, shippings armed and vnarmed, foreuer: and any of them breaking the confines and being taken, let him bee conducted into this Citie, and set in a broade boate, wherein vpon an high scaffold with a Cryer, which continually shall publish their fault aswell in the boate as on the land, let him bee brought to the Bridge of Saint *Fosca*; where by the Minister of Iustice let his ableer hand be cut off, so that it rest seuered from his arme: and with that tyed to his necke, let him be brought at a horse tayle by land to the middes between the two Pillers of Saint *Marke*: where vpon

an high Scaffold let his head bee cut off, so as it bee seuered from his bodie, and hee die, and let his body be diuided into foure partts, to bee hanged vp at the Gibbets accustomed.

With the Tally to him that shall apprehend any one of them, within the confines, of a thousand Duckats of the moneyes of Cofer of this Councell deputed to the Tallyes, and the deliueraunce of one Bandito from this Councell, or with the authoritie of the same; prouided that he haue not strictnesse of voices: and hee that shall kill him in any place of a forraine Iurisdiction, shall obtaine a 1500. Duckats in the manner aforesayde, and ouer and aboue the deliuerance of two Banditi of the sort and qualitie granted to him that shal take them within the Confines.

No one of them shal euer by facultie which any one hath or is to haue bee deliuered from this present banishment, nor by the waye of records or discoueries, much lesse may there bee any fauour graunted him, or remission, neither by way of safe conduct, or of reexamination, if the Decree bee not propounded by all the Counsellers and heads, and taken first with the nine Balles of them, and after

with all the 16. of the Councel reduced to his perfect number.

But by killing in what place soeuer *Ridolfo Poma*, or bringing him aliue into our power, they shall obtaine their own and totall deliuerance, and also the benefits promised and declared before to those that should kill the foresayd *Ridolfo* to be granted them in manner before expressed.

1607. The 11. of October.

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A Proclamation made for the assecuration of the person of the R. Father, Doctour *Paolo Seruite*, Theologue of the Noble Common weale of VENICE;

In execution of a decree accorded in the most Excellent Councell of the *Pregadie vpon the 27. of Oct. 1607.*

THe most gracious Prince giues to vnderstand and it is by deliberation of the most Excellent Senate of the 27. of October 1607.

That whereas there hath fallen out, a while since, the case of a most haynous Assassinate, committed on the person of the reuerend Father Doctor *Paolo Seruite*, Theologue of our Common-weale, to take away his life, with those ill wayes and with those treacherous

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meanes, and of villanous nature, which are very well knowen: And it beeing a thing well befitting the benignitie of our Signorie, and that protection which it is wont to haue of those Subiects which with deuotion and faith doo perform good and honorable seruice to the sayde Common-wealth, as hath the foresayd well deseruing Father, of excellent learning, of great worth and vertue, and of exemplar goodnes, to make knowen ouer & aboue the other publike deliberatiõs hitherto made, with other signes also, how deare his person is holden, and most tenderly loued of the aforesayd Common weale:

Wherfore, These shalbe publickly to make knowen, that if for the time to come there shal be found any person or persõs of what degree or condition so euer, that shall bee so hardy as to attempt hereafter in whatsoeuer place and manner none excepted, aswell within this Cittie as in other places of our State, to hurt the foresayde Doctor *Paolo*; hee or they that putting themselues in the ayd and defence of the same Father, shall take or kill him or them that shall offend him, shall obteine consigning them dead: and hauing made sufficient proofe of the hauing killed them to the publicke

Iustice,

Iuſtice, 2000 Duckats of the goods of the Offēdor or offendors, if they amount to ſo much, which are inteded confiſcate; if not, of the monies of our Chamberlaines of the Common treaſure, to be to them diſburſed immediatly. And conſigning them aliue, they ſhall obtaine 4000. Duckats in the ſame manner, and of the ſame moneyes of the Chamberlains.

And if any perſon ſhall manifeſt to the Iuſtice, any one or more that ſhall haue treated, deuiſed, or come into this Citty, to offend the ſaid Father Doctor *Paolo* in what maner ſoeuer, ſo as any of the perſons guilty thereof be taken, conuented, and chaſtiſed, he ſhall purchace in the ſame maner aforeſaid, and of the ſame monies of the Chamberlains, 2000 duckats, and being one of the Complices himſelfe ſhall haue alſo his pardon, beſides the beeing kept ſecret.

It beeing the reſolute will of our Signorie, that aſwell the ſaid well deſeruing Father Doctor *Paolo*, as each other ſubiect, which faithfully and fruitfullie hath ſerued, and ſerueth the Common-weal, be of each one reſpected; as by his owne good deſert, reſting vpon the publick protection.

The 29. of October 1607. Publiſhed vpon the ſtaires of S. Marks & of the Rialto, by Paſqualini di Bianchi, *Crier.*

A Decree made in the highest Councell of tenne, 1607. the 9. of IANVARIE:

Touching those that commit offences and make assaults with intention to murther, with the penalty of Barge-men for transporting the Offenders from one place to another, or conducting them out of Venice.

And the dutie of euery streete where any offence shall happen to be committed, and other the duties of Captaines, and what they are lyable vnto, which shall saue or hold secret the offenders.

IT hath beene deliberated by this Councell of the yeare 1540. the 7. of the moneth of Nouember, and of the yeare 1541 the 30. of March, and of the yeare 1563. the 11. of March, that to restraine

the boldneſſe of theſe wicked perſons that cō-ming into this city commit man-ſlaughters, & of others which thirſting after humane blood very lightly imbrue their hands in it, all thoſe which giue them ayd & fauour, or which giue thē houſing, lodging or any entertainment or which accompany them out of *Venice*, or any Bargeman which ſhall take thē vpō his boat to conduct them frō place to place, ſhould incur the ſame penalties which ſuch the offenders ſhould merit according to the quality of the offences cōmitted: which albeit it was prudētly deliberated, neuertheleſs ſuch like cutthroats & wicked perſons not ceaſing to cōmit often-times the like offences with the diſturbāce of the quiet & ſecurity of the city, it is neceſſary to adioine further prouiſions to thoſe aboue-ſaid. Wherfore, Be it decreed, that the afore-ſaid & al other decrees in this matter, and not repugnant to the preſēt, alwaies ſaued & reſer-ued, it be adioyned vnto the & firmly eſtabli-ſhed, that all they which after an offence com-mitted ſhall giue ayde, houſe, lodging, or any receipt, or ſhall accōpany through the City, or out of *Venice*, the offenders aforeſaid, be and are intēded to haue incurred the ſame penal-ties which the offenders ſhall haue deſerued.

Further, that all bargemen, which ſhall take

them in, to conuay them frō place to place or ōut of *Venice*, when it shall be proued that they haue knowledge of the offences, or that the offenders shal haue been pursued by the people & be entred in to their barkes, & by them any whither conuayed, be hanged. And hauing already taken-in any one vnwares, hee shall be boūd to make him presently to go out of his boate, or else go out himselfe: & if hee can no other doe, he shal cast himselfe into the water, vnder the same paine.

And to the entēt that those which shall haue cōmitted any such offence may be pursued immediatly & ther may be taken frō them that so easy means which they haue at the presēt to saue thēselues; Be it decreed that the Wards which are in euery street shal choose 2. men for a street; the which, immediately after any homicide or other offēce wherin blood is drawn, shal go to the guard which stāds at the bridge of the Paglia to certifie the captains & officers that shalbe found in ward therof: which shalbe bound presently to giue aduertisement to the other captains; & taking boat with 6. men in a boat, with their harquebushes, to speed themselues to the ordinary passages according as shalbe known fit to see & pursue the offēders.

 And to th'end they

the boldneſſe of theſe wicked perſons that cõming into this city commit man-ſlaughters, & of others which thirſting after humane blood very lightly imbrue their hands in it, all thoſe which giue them ayd & fauour, or which giue thẽ houſing, lodging or any entertainment or which accompany them out of *Venice*, or any Bargeman which ſhall take thẽ vpõ his boat to conduct them frõ place to place, ſhould incur the ſame penalties which ſuch the offenders ſhould merit according to the quality of the offences cõmitted: which albeit it was prudẽtly deliberated, neuertheleſs ſuch like cutthroats & wicked perſons not ceaſing to cõmit oftentimes the like offences with the diſturbãce of the quiet & ſecurity of the city, it is neceſſary to adioine further prouiſions to thoſe abouesaid. Wherfore, Be it decreed, that the aforeſaid & al other decrees in this matter, and not repugnant to the preſẽt, alwaies ſaued & reſerued, it be adioyned vnto the & firmly eſtabliſhed, that all they which after an offence committed ſhall giue ayde, houſe, lodging, or any receipt, or ſhall accõpany through the City, or out of *Venice*, the offenders aforeſaid, be and are intẽded to haue incurred the ſame penalties which the offenders ſhall haue deſerued.

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they may the better execute this our order, Let the aforesayde Captaines haue authority to command by the order of this Councel all the Barques of whatsoeuer office or Magistrate they shal meet with, which shalbe bound to follow them & ioyn thẽselues with them for the purpose aforesaid; vnder the pain to those that will not obey of 18 Months seruing in the galley, or prison, or banishmẽt, as to the Heads of the sayd Councell shall seeme good. And whereas it is fit that those two which in euery street shal be chosen by the Wards to cary aduertisement presently, to the Captains of this Councell at the bridge of the Paglia, of the offences which shalbe committed in their street, should receiue some benefit or profit for their pains: Be it decreed that so oft as the offẽders be takẽ & consigned into the power of Iustice, they shal haue out of the Cofer of this Councel x. Duck. for euery one that shall be takẽ & cõsigned as aforesaid, of the moneies deputed to the Tallies; & failing their duties they shall incur for euery time the pain of x. duck. th'one half to the accuser, who shal be kept secret; the other to the Hospitall of the Beggars of this Citie.

Further the Artificers & other Inhabitants in

the cittie, aboue the Taglies of money which are appointed by the laws of 1340. and 1541. which are in ſmaller caſes of 600. liuers, and in the heinouſer 1200. and in thoſe where death doth not follow, liuers 300. ſhall likewiſe purchaſe power to deliuer one Bandito for ſimple manſlaughter, of this and euerie other Citie, Towne and place of our State, for euery one taken by them for heinous matter conſigned into the power of Iuſtice and puniſhed.

And the ſame benefits and Taglyes be granted to the Captains & Officers of this Councell: and if the offenders ſhall make reſiſtance & defence againſt them that would take the, they may in ſo doing without puniſhment be harmed or ſlaine.

And likewiſe thoſe that ſhall accuſe any which after the offence committed hath giuen harbour or hath holden in his houſe any of the aforeſayd offenders, and hath not out of hand made him knowen to the Iuſtice; The truth being ſearched out, and the accuſed brought into the force of Iuſtice and due puniſhment giuen him, ſhal purchaſe al the Tallies and benefits aforeſayd in manner before ſpecified. And the Captaines, heads of the

Bargemen, officers, & others fayling or being negligent in the execution of their dutie, Let them bee chastened with that punishment of prison, banishment, corde, or Galley, which to the Heads aforesaid shall seem good.

And to the intent that of this prouision wee may bee certaine to receiue so much the greater benefit, Let al the executers of the law against Blasphemie and the seauen Sages for the New Iustice be bound to cause to be vsed the greatest diligence that may bee ouer the Hostries and Letters of chambers, to the entent that the orders & decrees in that behalfe prouided may be fully executed, vsing rigorous execution against the transgressors; to the ende that euerie one execute his charge readily and without deceit.

And let this present Decree be printed, and published vpon the stayres of Saint *Marke*, & the Royalto, and at the Wharfes, euery sixe Moneths in Ianuarie and Iuly; and neuertheless whether published or not published be duely and inuiolably executed.

FINIS.

Farther Intelligence from Venice.

SInce the former Accident, one *Angelo Badiero*, a Noble man of *Venice*, of great alliance, is lately cō-mitted to Priſon, for hauing had ſe-cret cōference with the Popes Nun-tio, and withall ſentenced to bee made vncapeable of all honors and dignities; and after a years impriſon-ment, if hee ſhal flye out of the Ter-ritories of that Signorie, to be inten-ded baniſhed and his goods confiſ-cate. The Friars, that gaue them commoditie of place for this Parly, are baniſhed the City within twen-tie foure howers after the Sentence, and within three dayes the whole State.

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In Innocentiam.

O Diua, quæ sic enites inter deas
Vt inter astra lucifer,
Efferre iustis laudibus tuum satis
Quis oro, quis potis, decus?
Tu fida dux mortalium, custos, comes:
Tu certa spes, portus, salus.
Qui te colunt, ac diligunt, innoxiam
Gaudéntq; vitam degere,
Hos liuor imminentibus calumniis
Vexare frustra nititur.
Hos seu tyranni vultus instet horridi,
Seu pugna surgat aspera,
Non strictus ensis, imminentis terreant
Non mille lethi imagines.
Per te solutis tristibus curis boni
In aurem vtramuis dormiunt.
Tu belluarum immanium, appetentium
Vitam piorum & sanguinem,
E rictibus voracibus eos extrahis,
Impunè dásque evadere.
Vel ipse Paulus, Paulus hic noster, suis
Quem docta Pallas artibus
Mirè decorum reddidit, scientiæ
Dulciq; pauit nectare,

In Innocentiam.

Manus tua ſeruatus en ſpirabiles
Nunc carpit auras atheris.
Verſanti in ipſo namq; mortis turbine
Opem tuliſti ſedula;
Et iam pio cruore tinctas hoſtium
Compeſcuiſti dexteras.
Diu ſuperſtes Paule ſis: O ſit tua
Simúlq; ſoſpes inclita
Virtus fideſque, pérq; & orbes Italos
Splendeſcat & per exteras,
Pulchrámq; nobis monſtret ad cælum viã
Quam triuit ætas aurea
Patrum priorum. Tu, tu es ille ſcilicet,
Quo doctius nullam caput,
Probatius, cariúsve huic ſæculo
Hæc noſtra cernunt lumina.
Tu cuncta ſpernis quorum amore perdito
Plerique inſaniunt.
Te nullius vnquam fulgor auri aut purpuræ
Ad alta traxit limina.
Spes nulla docuit à ſuperbo principum
Aſtare nutu pendulum.
Pro patria ſi poſcat, ipſe ſis tui
Vltrò cruoris prodigus.
Candore puro tibi recentia lilia.
Cedunt & intactæ niues.
Quid ergo mirum vota pro te ſoſpite
Si nunc ouantes ſoluimus?
At vos manus nefarium hoc auſæ ſcelus,
Auſóque mi diuûm fauor.

Obſte

In Meretricem dolosam.

Obstet potita, pœna iam comes premat:
Inulta non hæc dij sinant.

Octavius Mavinus.

In Meretricem dolosam.

Dolosa Meretrix, qua decora nomina
Vultúmq; pulchrum præferens,
Bonos malósq;, credulos, cautos simul,
Post terga traxisti tua;
Quæ te Sororum quas ferunt satas
Emissa Auerni sedibus,
Furórve cæcus, in nefas hoc impulit
Immane, detestabile?
Túne ergo mater & Magistra gentium,
Pudica tu quondam, improba
Nunc mœcha, fœda, pestilens, nequissima,
Lætaris atris cædibus?
Hoc sufficit lac candido gregi? hæc tuis
Præbes alumnis vbera?
Superba meretrix: ergo eò tandem tua
Euasit insolentia,
Vt arma per satellitum nefaria
Cruore cuncta repleas?
Tuámq; si quis oderit tyrannidem,
Si libera indignatio
Cuiuspiam retorqueat pedem tuo
Ab exsecrando limine;

In Meretricem dolosam.

Fraudes dolósq; compares in hunc statim,
Nec conquiescas antequam
Conspexeris miserrimum indignis modis
Per mille lasum vulnera,
Innoxiúmq; sanguinem potaueris?
O, bellua omni sævior,
Hæc illa pietas quam tenella mens tuis
Primis ab annis imbibit?
Exempla te per hæc vocauit scilicet
Rex cælitum, qui pro suis
Mortale corpus hostibus letho obtulit,
Monstrauit hanc viam tibi?
Nunc ite reges, ite nunc duces boni,
Taliq; monstro fidite:
An qua ministros ausa vestros aggredi,
Abstineat à vobis manus?
Non hercle, nõ abstineat (Heu! fallor) modo
Vires & se suggerant.
Nil illa secum cogitat, miscet, coquit,
Amara præter toxica.
Insana meretrix: disce iam modum tuæ
Aliquem furori ponere:
Et euagantem Latini potentiam
Tandem cõerce, & abijce
Cruenta tela non in usus istius
Reperta dextera. Ni facis,
Præsidio Vates, aureas supra tuas
Comas, & ornatos sinus,
Iam iam, flagrantes decident ab æthere
Pix, grando, flamma, sulphura.

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